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SUBJECT: DEATH OF ALL-IRELAND PRIMATE

1. CARDINAL WILLIAM CONWAY ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH AND PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND AGED 64 DIED APRIL 16 IN ARMAGH OF COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING GALL BLADDER OPERATION IN JANUARY. CARDINAL CONWAY WAS NATIVE FALLS ROAD SECTION BELFAST. HE SPENT THREE YEARS AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY RECEIVING HONORS BA IN ENGLISH LITERATURE BEFORE ENTERING SEMINARY. THE CARDINAL MET FREQUENTLY WITH THE HEADS OF OTHER CHURCHES AND CONSISTENTLY ATTEMPTED MAKE CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS THOSE OF NATIONALISM AND MATTERS OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION.

2. SPECULATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND ABOUT SUCCESSOR CENTERS AROUND FOLLOWING CANDIDATES: (A) AUXILIARY BISHOP OF ARMAGH, MOST REV. FRANCIS LENNY AGE 48, (B) BISHOP OF DERRY, DR. EDWARD DALY, AGE 45, (C) ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN, DR. DERMOT RYAN, AGE 50 AND (D) BISHOP OF ARDAGH AND CLONMACNOIS, DR. CAHAL DALY, AGED 60. CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR OBVIOUSLY POLITICALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES OF DIRECTING UNITED CHURCH IN TWO SEPARATE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WITH DISTINCT CODES OF LEIGISLATION AND POTENTIAL DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDES TOWARD SUCH ISSUES AS  
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